



Clark County Comprehensive Plan Update Proposed Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

Clark County has completed an environmental impact statement for the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners to review prior to final action to update the 1994 Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. The Proposed Final Environmental Impact Statement builds upon the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) circulated for public comment March 19-May 25, 2003. The FEIS contains three volumes. Volume 1 includes the FEIS Summary and Analysis of the Proposed Alternative. Volume 2 includes a summary of the comments received within the DEIS review period and responses to the comments. Volume 3 includes the amended DEIS, corrected to reflect discrepancies or omissions identified through comments on the DEIS. The DEIS addressed five land use alternatives.

The FEIS contains significant information and analysis on the resources in Clark County and the proposed alternative for accommodating growth for the next 20 years. There are several ways in which to access the FEIS. There are hard copies or CD-ROM versions available for purchase from the locations below.

- **Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 1st floor Permit Center, Vancouver** (Hours: 8 AM-4:30 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM). Phone (360) 397-2375 x4993 or,
- **North Clark County Resource Center, 701 E. Main Street, Battle Ground** (Hours: 9 AM-Noon, 1-4 PM) Phone (360) 687-7126

The costs will be \$31.00 for hard copies of Volume 1 of the FEIS, \$15.00 for Volume 2 of the FEIS and \$36.99 For Volume 3 of the FEIS. A CD-ROM which contains all three volumes plus the Proposed Comprehensive Plan Text, Proposed County Code Changes and the Revenue Perspective may be purchased for \$10.01. The cost of sales tax is included within the noted prices.

- The FEIS will be available online in a .pdf format on the County web site at: www.clark.wa.gov/comdev/longrange/compreview/gma2000.asp. A reference copy of the FEIS and CD-ROM will be located at city halls, branch libraries and sheriff's precinct offices at the following locations:

City Halls

Vancouver City Hall - 210 East 13th St.

Battle Ground City Hall -302 East Main St.

Camas City Hall -616 NE 4th Avenue
Washougal City Hall -1701 C Street
LaCenter City Hall -214 E. 4th Street
Ridgefield City Hall -230 Pioneer Street
Yacolt Town Hall -105 E. Yacolt Rd.

Libraries

Fort Vancouver Regional Library-1007 East Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver
Westfield Mall Branch- 8700 NE Vancouver Mall Dr.
Three Creeks Branch-800-C NE Tenny Road
Cascade Park Branch-301 SE Hearthwood, Vancouver
Washougal Branch-1661 C Street
Battle Ground Branch-12 West Main St.
Ridgefield Branch-210 N. Main St.
Camas Library-421 NE Franklin St.

Precincts

Central Precinct - 11608 NE 149th St., Brush Prairie
West Precinct - 505 NW 179th Street, Ridgefield

How to Comment on the Proposed Comprehensive Plan

The next step in updating Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan takes place at a public hearing held by the Clark County Planning Commission. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th floor hearing room, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver.

Because of the breadth of the issues involved and extensive interest on the part of the public, the hearing is expected to be continued beyond the September 25 date. If that occurs, additional sessions will take place on subsequent Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

The locations and likely structure of the sessions will be:

- September 25, Public Service Center, 6th floor, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver - Overview. Testimony from representatives of organizations and associations
- October 2, Clark County Elections and Auto Licensing Building, 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver - Testimony from individuals
- October 9, Vancouver City Hall, 210 East 13th Street - Capital facilities analysis and plan
- October 16, Public Service Center, 6th floor, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver - Commissioners' deliberations and action

Opportunities for providing testimony

People can provide testimony to the planning commission in several ways:

- By sending written testimony to Clark County Long Range Planning, PO Box 9810, Vancouver 98666-9810;
- By sending written testimony as an e-mail to compplan@clark.wa.gov;
- By offering oral testimony at the public hearings.

To be considered a part of the record, correspondence must include the name and address of the person commenting.

After its deliberations, the planning commission will forward its recommendations to the Board of Clark County Commissioners, which is responsible for adopting the final plan. The commissioners are expected to take action on the plan by the end of 2003. The plan that is ultimately adopted will guide growth and land use in the county and its seven cities over the next 20 years.

The county has used funds made available through the Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development to support the process currently under way to update its comprehensive land use plan. The update is required by state legislation that calls for fast-growing counties to plan for the population anticipated over a 20-year timeframe.

For more information about comprehensive plan review activities, please contact Clark County's Long Range Planning Division at (360) 397-2375 ext. 4993.

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